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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,  
Applicants hereby bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-281408, which was published on  
October 31, 1997, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,956,177 to  
NISHIKATA et al., which issued on September 21, 1999; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 36-8859, which was published on April  
20, 1961, together with an English language translation of the same.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement  
under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed. However, if any a copy  
is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the  
same. Copies of the above-noted Japanese documents are attached and all of the documents have

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been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary to ensure consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	5 9 5 6 1 7 7	09/21/99	NISHIKATA et al			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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